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Police still looking for escaped con

PRISONER A man convicted in the death of his landlord is still on the loose after he walked away from an Edmonton minimum-security prison Friday night.

James Wrigley, 39, was reported missing from the 30-bed Grierson Centre near 95 Street and 101 Avenue, said the Correctional Service of Canada, adding that they are working with police to find him.

Wrigley was serving time since 1994 for second-degree murder in the strangling death of his 66-year-old Calgary landlord.

Wrigley is described as five-foot-six and 180 pounds, with a fair complexion, green eyes and brown hair.

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Canadian pic clicks with jury

Joel Charlebois' photo, *Midnight Tram to Humber*, beat out 50,000 entries from around the world to win the top prize, pg 12

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Leaders key to climate crisis

NHL Stars outshine Oilers



Edmonton Oilers right winger Zack Stortini, right, clobbers Dallas Stars forward Krys Barch in their first-period tilt during last night's game in Dallas. The Oilers were unable to mount a third-period comeback and lost 4-3 to the Stars. **Story on Page 10.**

Budget talks start today

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SPENDING City council will be spending two weeks beginning today to find out what's necessary and what isn't when it comes to spending its municipal cash.

Mayor Stephen Mandel and councillors will begin deliberations into the city's budget that administration says is the most challenging yet because of the world economic downturn.

Administration originally considered hiking property taxes into double-digit figures, but a plan from Mandel suggests taxes can only go up as high as 3.75 per cent.

Proposed adjustments will keep the tax increase in line with the expected rate of inflation under the mayor's plan.

Mandel says getting rid of inefficient city vehicles and cutting down on unnecessary travel would trim the fat.

Mandel says his plan will also change the way the city raises money for neighbourhood upgrades, with a reduced levy backing a loan plan to pay for repairs over many years.

A report going to council today from administration will rebuke Mandel's tax plan, however.

Body found near 'troubled place'

Police investigating suspicious inner-city death

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Investigators are trying to figure out if a man who was found dead between two walk-in apartments near 115 Street and 107 Avenue early yesterday morning was a victim of foul play.

Detectives expect to have some of those questions answered as soon as a medical examiner completes an autopsy scheduled for later this week, said police

spokesman Jeff Wuite.

A man who appeared to be in his 30s was found dead by a step near the side door of the apartment building around 6 a.m.

"Certain aspects of the crime scene were suspicious, and homicide investigators were called in," said Wuite.

The man's body, covered in a red tarp, wasn't removed from the scene until later in the afternoon. Garbage, including a plastic grocery bag, was seen lying near his body.

Yellow evidence markers littered the area surrounding the scene, and police combed the inside of the apartment building and a stairwell inside the front door of the building along 107 Avenue.

As police continued to sift through the halls during their investigation, residents inside the apartment building were told to stay inside. Police also blocked off both entrances into the building.

"The doors are always getting busted and some-

one keeps on breaking the locks," said Bill Alger, who has lived in the building for five years.

"We always find homeless people sleeping in the halls all the time."

Alger said the apartment building is always a troubled place to live in, with police being called in once a week. He's also called police a number of times.

Wuite says police don't have any suspects in custody and detectives have yet to identify the deceased.

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Last week's Edmonton Food Bank's Stuff-a-Bus fundraiser was more successful than organizers could have ever dreamed. The 50,000-pound goal was shattered, and at the end of the weekend, volunteers raked in almost 70,000 pounds of food. **METRO EDMONTON**

Local



World AIDS Day

HIV Edmonton is kicking off a ceremony tonight to mark the 20th anniversary of World AIDS Day at the Citadel Theatre. The group says it will hold a non-denominational evening ceremony at 7 p.m. that will be dedicated to people who have died from the immune-deficiency syndrome. The event will also be followed up by a candlelight walk. **METRO EDMONTON**

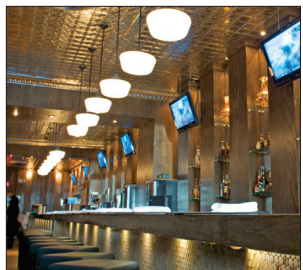
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Modern décor helped shape the new Hat Resto Pub.

Century-old diner revived on Jasper

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FACELIFT A piece of Jasper Avenue nostalgia has tipped its hat to a new millennium, and while it bears a shiny new exterior, the heart of The Hat still beats with the unmistakable rhythm of the city's downtown.

The Silk Hat, a landmark Edmonton diner, opened its doors in 1912 and shut post-Y2K. Though a number of would-be owners tried to revive it, none have been successful.

When Joeline Edden took to task opening the Jasper Avenue fixture, she took a bold approach.

The Hat Resto Pub (10251 Jasper Avenue) is a made-over Silk Hat for an evolving Edmonton.

While many originals, like the floors and signage still remain, the Manhattan-style pub has brought in a sophisticated, from-scratch burger menu, and a darker, modern decor.

"It's been opened so many times as the Silk Hat and so many people have failed," Edden said. "We wanted to take something old and make it new — and make something that works."

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Laced cocaine creating concern

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Those that only hit up the white stuff once in a while might want to go off the rails, or risk a deadly infection.

Cocaine laced with a chemical used to treat intestinal worms is circulating around the Capital Region, and has sent seven people to hospital with immune systems so ravaged that common infections become deadly and incurable by the body's own means.

"The white blood cells have been knocked back by the chemical in the drug," said Alberta Health and Wellness spokesman John Tuckwell. "People are coming into emergency with infections they just can't beat."

The chemical, levamisole, was found in the blood taken from the immune-system deficient, and not found in a sample of the tainted coke, Tuck-

well said.

The condition, called agranulocytosis, has been common in habitual users, but can be easily picked up by occasional users.

Shane, a 29-year-old club-only drug user, says that while he's aware of the risk, his predictable momentary lapse in judgement and concern is what scares him the most.

"No matter who, ultimately if they continue using the drug, that'll be bad news."

John Tuckwell,
Alberta Health and
Wellness

"I mean, even if I get it from someone that I trust, they don't know what the hell is in it. It could be anything, like rat poison," he said with a laugh. "Does that stop me? Oddly, not."

What's even greater cause for concern, the young legal professional said, is that people in his middle-upper social class mentally predispose "dirty" blow to the street-user level, and feel that money and class make them impervious to inherent low-level junkie risks.

"No matter who, ultimately if they continue using the drug, that'll be bad news," Tuckwell said.

Simmons to make third Edmonton appearance

PROMO Mothers, lock up your daughters, and daughters, keep a close eye on your mothers, because the commander of the Kiss army is coming back to E-town.

That's right, for the third time this year, Gene Simmons is going to be gracing Edmonton with his larger-than-life, fire-

breathing presence — this time by cutting the ribbon on a gigantic new electronics store.

As part of a somewhat odd PR move, the rock god



Gene Simmons

Skiing Season starts



Matt Korzenowski, 13, slides across a rail in the temporary terrain park at Snow Valley yesterday. The hill is now officially open, but some runs remain without snow and a permanent terrain park has yet to be set up.

Teens identified in double-fatal crash

ACCIDENT Mounties have identified two people killed after their SUV became wedged underneath a moving semi-truck tanker near Breton, about 100 km southwest of Edmonton yesterday.

Jordan McGrath, 18, and Ethan Thebeau, 19, both died on scene Saturday after the vehicle crossed Highway 20 on Highway 616, blowing past a stop sign, said Breton RCMP.

Police say the SUV was wedged and dragged underneath the semi for 100 metres before it became dislodged spiralling into the west side of the highway. **METRO EDMONTON**

News in brief

MISSION Thirty soldiers from the Edmonton Garrison's 408 Tactical Helicopter Squadron will be saying goodbye to their families four weeks before Christmas as they deploy to Afghanistan this morning. The soldiers will make up most of Canada's helicopter force in Afghanistan. **METRO EDMONTON**

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What's online today.

Watch As a relative calls a mother who was stabbed to death protecting her family a hero at metronews.ca/canada.

Read Why Guidy Mamann says immigration law could become less fair at metronews.ca/immigration.



Lotteries

Friday, Nov. 28

Lotto Super 7: 6, 9, 16, 17, 27, 29 & 38 Bonus 12

Saturday, Nov. 29

Lotto 6/49: 9, 12, 16, 26, 30 & 37 Bonus 27

These results are not official.

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Foster mother guilty in manslaughter case

An Edmonton foster mother was found guilty of manslaughter in the death of a three-year-old boy in her care on Saturday. The 34-year-old woman, who cannot be identified, was charged with second-degree murder after the child died in January 2007 of brain injuries. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Arts remain strong

Arts groups across Canada are reporting strong ticket sales for the holiday season, despite fears of an economic recession. The Canadian Opera Company, Theatre Calgary and Ballet Jorgen are just a few of the organizations saying that sales are on par or stronger than previous years. Sales at the National Ballet of Canada, after taking a hit in the fall, have rebounded, with Nutcracker tickets outselling last year's show. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Tories move up budget

Conservatives backpedal on financial plan as coalition talks intensify

A day of political intrigue in the nation's capital set the scene for a week which will see Stephen Harper's Conservatives fight to retain their grip on power.

Nothing short of a fresh economic statement with new measures to help Canadians cope with the current recession appears likely to dissuade federal

Auto help

The federal and Ontario governments have asked Ford, General Motors and Chrysler — thought to be col-

lectively seeking between \$3 billion and \$4 billion in aid — to produce recovery plans by Friday.

opposition parties from defeating the Conservative minority and trying to form a coalition government next week.

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty continued a full-scale retreat from his Nov. 27 economic statement yesterday with a promise to

stimulate the economy in an early budget he now says will be set for Jan. 27. And for the first time, he also hinted strongly that Ottawa would bail out Canada's struggling Big Three automakers.

In another reversal of the package, Flaherty said the Conservatives will not outlaw public service strikes until 2010. On Sat-

urday, he backed down on their plan to scrap federal subsidies for political parties.

The Liberals, NDP and BQ have been involved in closed-door talks on a coalition government to replace the Tories. The talks continued over the weekend and were reportedly going well.

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Coalition would look at 'longer term': Layton

POLITICS The New Democrats and Liberals are laying the groundwork for a coalition government that plans to be in power for a "longer term, not short term," NDP Leader Jack Layton says.

"What we really want is just to get Harper out ... it's going to be a hell of a lot better for everything we believe in," Layton told NDP MPs during a conference call Saturday.

A transcript of the call was released yesterday by the Conservatives, who were able to eavesdrop as Layton briefed his caucus. Layton says he has been in touch with Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion and Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe "frequently, every day," as party officials huddle to hammer out the details of their partnership.

Those discussions are looking at the "mechanics of a coalition government and the form it would take, the structure of cabinet, ... the key roles," Layton said.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Up next Legal action?

The NDP didn't dispute the transcript released by the Conservatives, but said they are looking at pursuing legal action against those who covertly taped the meeting.

Two dead after birthday-party attack

STABBING A birthday party in an Oshawa, Ont., townhouse erupted in violence Saturday night, leaving two adults dead and two children injured, one critically, police said.

Another man was in critical condition.

The woman who was killed was identified as Leslie Kelly. Her sons Riley, 3, and Nate, 5, were wounded in the attack.

Ricky Kelly, Leslie's husband, was also wounded in

the attack.

The attacker was identified as Gino Petralia.

When police responded, Petralia confronted them and was shot dead.

Petralia's son, 13-year-old Steven McLean, had been living with the Kelly family since August, when his mother died of cancer.

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Watch neighbours and relatives react to the rampage at metronews.ca/canada

News in brief

STRANDED Canadian tourists stranded in Bangkok because of anti-government protesters are demanding the Canadian government fly them home before the situation worsens. But a foreign affairs official urged travellers to stay put and wait out the protesters, who are trying to topple the Thai government.

MUMBAI SERVICE The Hindu Federation of Canada held a pan-religious service in Brampton, Ont., yesterday meant to serve as both a memorial to the 183 people killed in this week's terrorist attacks in Mumbai — and a reminder that violence only begets violence.

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Protest Cities for Life



An unidentified man dressed as an executioner, left, prepares to lead the Cities for Life march in Toronto yesterday. Cities for Life is an annual initiative in which cities around the world speak out against the death penalty.

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Homemade booze kills 12 in Iran

Twelve people in southern Iran have died after drinking homemade liquor and dozens more have been blinded or are in a serious condition, health workers in the Islamic republic said in remarks published yesterday. Alcohol is banned in the Islamic country, which has enforced Islamic sharia law since its 1979 Islamic revolution. "Out of 92 who were poisoned from drinking homemade alcohol and hospitalized, 12 people died," said Farshid Abedi, head of Hormuzgan medical school. **REUTERS**

'We must stand together'

Zardari pleads with India not to punish Pakistan

Pakistan President Asif Ali Zardari has appealed to India not to punish his country for last week's attacks in Mumbai, saying militants have the power to precipitate a war in the region, the Financial Times reported early today.

Zardari, whose wife, Benazir Bhutto, was assassinated by Islamist militants last year, warned that provocation by rogue "non-state actors" posed the danger of a return to war between the nuclear-armed neighbours.

"Even if the militants are linked to Lashkar-e-Taiba, who do you think we are fighting?" asked Zardari in an interview with the Financial Times.

"We live in troubled times where non-state actors have taken us to war before, whether it is the case of those who perpetrated (the) 9-11 (attacks on the United States) or contributed to the escalation of the situation in Iraq," said Zardari.

"Now, events in Mumbai tell us that there are ongoing efforts to carry out copy-cat attacks by militants. We must all stand together to



Students from different countries hold candles during a peace march in New Delhi yesterday. Hundreds of students from 25 nations participated in the march in memory of the victims of the Mumbai attacks.

fight out this menace."

Analysts say the Mumbai assaults by Islamist militants, which killed nearly 200 people, bore the hallmarks of Lashkar-e-Taiba, a Pakistan-based group blamed for previous attacks in India.

Indian officials have said most, perhaps all, of the 10 attackers who held Mumbai hostage with frenzied attacks using assault rifles and grenades came from Pakistan, a Muslim nation carved out of Hindu-majority India in 1947.

The fallout from the three-day rampage in Mumbai, India's commercial centre, has threatened to unravel India's improving ties with Pakistan and prompted the resignation of India's security minister at the weekend. **REUTERS**

Thai protesters ignore government demands

PROTESTS Anti-government protesters ignored a police order to end a blockade of Bangkok's main airport, which entered its seventh day today, as the country's attention shifted to a court case that may force the government to resign.

The People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD), which has occupied two airports in its campaign to topple Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat, let some planes leave the main Suvarnabhumi airport yesterday to pick up stranded tourists from other airports, but there was little other sign of compromise.

PAD members lined up for rice and soup from the back of pickup trucks as leaders launched anti-government invective from a stage outside the terminal.

Yesterday, police ordered the thousands of protesters to end the siege of Suvarnabhumi and the

Economy

- The tourism and export-driven economy, already hit by global financial woes, is reeling from this latest crisis. Finance Minister Suchart Thada-Thamrongvech said growth could slow to two per cent from 4.9 per cent in 2007, the Bangkok Post reported.

older Don Muang airport, a domestic hub, which left 100,000 tourists stranded.

Thousands of government supporters have rallied in the capital, the first show of strength by the Democratic Alliance Against Dictatorship (DAAD) since the PAD launched its "final battle" against Somchai last Monday.

The DAAD rally, which passed peacefully, was held ahead of a ruling in a vote fraud case that could deliver a crippling blow to the six-party coalition government. **REUTERS**

Cellphones more dangerous than passengers: Study

SAFETY Cellphone calls distract drivers far more than even the chattiest passenger, causing drivers to follow too closely and miss exits, U.S. researchers reported.

Using a hands-free device does not make things better and the researchers believe they know why — passengers act as a second set of eyes, shutting up or sometimes even helping when they see the driver needs to make a manoeuvre.

Lee Strayer of the University of Utah and colleagues have found that hands-free cellphones are just as distracting. They have demonstrated that chatting on a cellphone can slow the reaction times of young adult drivers to levels seen among senior citizens, and shown that drivers using mobile telephones are as impaired as drivers who are legally drunk. **REUTERS**

Obama poised to appoint Hillary to state post today

CABINET U.S. president-elect Barack Obama was set to announce his national security team today, with former political rival Hillary Clinton in line to be picked as secretary of state.

Former president Bill Clinton agreed to make public the names of more than 200,000 donors to his foundation as part of a deal with Obama's transition team to clear the way for his wife to become the top U.S. diplomat.

The announcement comes amid challenges for the new president, such as

Choices uncertain

- Obama's Cabinet choices require Senate confirmation.

ongoing wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the fate of the Guantanamo Bay prison up in the air, and foreign-policy challenges looming in Iran, North Korea, India, Pakistan, Russia, China and elsewhere.

Democratic sources said the team includes: Current Defence Secretary Robert Gates, a member of the Re-

publican administration who would stay on under the new president; retired Marine Corps Gen. James Jones as White House national security adviser; and Susan Rice, an Obama foreign policy adviser, as UN ambassador.

Obama will choose former Justice Department official Eric Holder as attorney general, the top U.S. law enforcement office. An official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said Arizona Gov. Janet Napolitano would be homeland security chief. **REUTERS**

News in brief

KIDNAPPING Somali security forces have arrested five men for the kidnapping this week of two European journalists who are being held in the hills east of Bosasso, the local gov-

ernor said yesterday. Gunmen seized the British reporter and Spanish photographer on Wednesday in the latest attack on foreigners working in Somalia.

VENEZUELA President Hugo Chavez urged supporters to work on a constitutional reform that would let him stay in office as long he keeps winning elections. **REUTERS**

Endeavour Happy landings



The U.S. space shuttle Endeavour deploys a parachute after touching down at Edwards Air Force Base in California yesterday. The orbiter landed after being diverted from NASA's Kennedy Space Center due to weather concerns.

Pirates to free Ukrainian ship

SOMALIA Pirates and owners of a Ukrainian ship carrying 33 tanks and other military hardware have reached a deal to release the vessel, a Kenyan maritime official said yesterday.

Gunmen captured the MV Faina on Sept. 24, with its cargo of T-72 tanks, grenade launchers and am-

munition, and demanded \$20 million US in ransom.

"They have reached a deal but are still discussing the modalities of releasing the ship, crew and cargo," said Andrew Mwangura of the East African Seafarers' Assistance Programme.

The 20 crew members include Ukrainians, Russians and Latvians. **REUTERS**



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Impulse buyers unite

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Anne Hines



Today, I reveal a deep dark secret. Not about being gay. I talk about that all the time.

When I first came out, I felt compelled to tell everyone. It led to some odd conversations such as, "Well, we were discussing global warming, but that's very interesting, Anne."

I've also already owned up to having a transgendered daughter, an ex-husband and limited house-keeping skills.

What I want to confess is this. Yesterday, I ... I bought ... something.

Nothing illegal. And nothing kinky. Though I've often thought, "If God

meant us to have interpersonal relationships, he wouldn't have given us batteries."

What I bought was ... a birdbath heater.

This is the latest thing in urban wild-bird care.

A small electrical unit that keeps water from freezing so the birds can drink all winter. I don't know what they did before this. Maybe they went to Starbucks.

I know, we're not supposed to be buying more gadgets that use electricity.

I figure I'll balance my carbon footprint by unplugging something non-essential.

Not the iPod charger or the PVR, I use those. Maybe my oven.

I also realize that in these difficult economic times a birdbath heater might be considered to be a ridiculously extravagant purchase.

But there's a simple thumb for determining what falls into that category. Sensible, reasonable discretionary items are what we buy for ourselves. Ridiculous and extravagant ones are what other people buy.

I had an excellent reason for buying this heater. It makes me happy.

And, frankly, anyone who says you can't buy happiness has never been to a really good shoe sale. In fact, I say, "Impulse buyers of the world unite."

It's time to come out of the closet. If you've purchased a Bread-o-Matic or Butt Master Supreme, there's likely no room left in there for you anyway.

E-mail me the most useless, frivolous item you've purchased and I'll share your story in a future column. Proudly. Without mocking. At least not to your face.

And let's remind those "I-only-buy-what's-on-the-list" shoppers that, without impulse buyers, there would be no trashy magazines to peruse at the checkout counter.

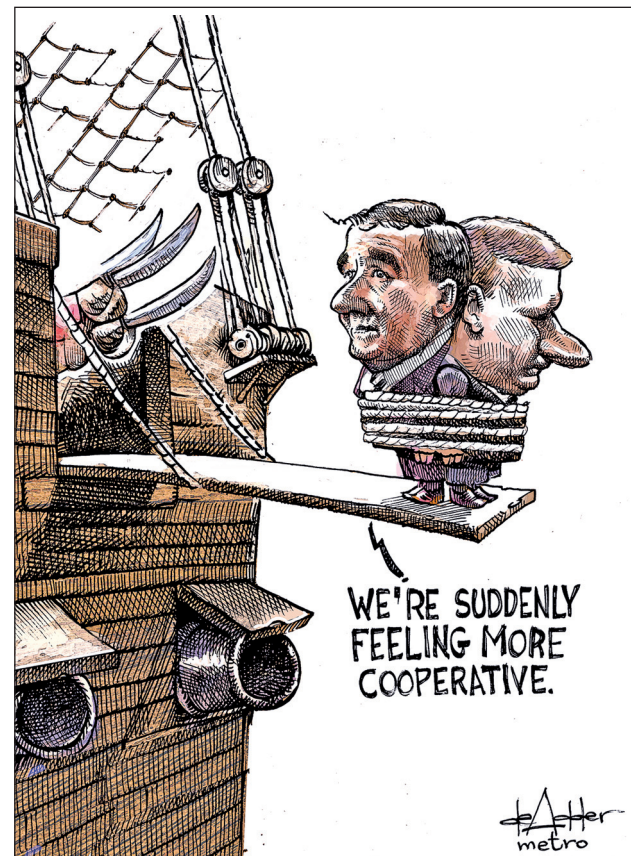
No mini flashlight/key chain/laser printers. And what would the world be without Chia Pets and fuzzy dice?

A little less tacky, sure. But, far, far less fun.

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WE'RE SUDDENLY FEELING MORE COOPERATIVE.

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MICHAEL DE ADDER

Letters

Harper made similar attempt at coalition in '04

Stephen Harper shows how much disdain and contempt he has for Canadians when he tries to fake outrage at opposition party attempts to work together to form a coalition government.

Let us not forget the letter he signed Sept. 9, 2004, (along with Gilles Duceppe and Jack Layton), which urged former governor general Adrienne Clarkson to consult with the opposition parties should the Liberal Paul Martin government fall. Harper asked the governor general to see if the opposition parties could form a government because they formed a majority in the House.

TREVOR HACHÉ,
OTTAWA, ONT.

Angels have more rights than to remain silent

The Hells Angels motorcycle club is not a criminal organization and deserves the same rights as any other person.

In March this year, a landmark ruling by a B.C. judge said that "a full-patch Hells Angels member and two of his associates are not members of a

criminal organization."

The trial was a key test of new "federal anti-gang legislation," and if the Hells Angels were deemed a criminal organization, police would have been able to seize their assets.

There are so many urban legends around the Hells Angels.

They are an easy target and it is not fair that a "select few" have rights violated.

A recent decision in Alberta has some legal experts saying publicly that it could eventually place limits on the way police try to control the movement of "biker gangs." I maintain that these cases revolve around fundamental rights that all citizens are entitled to, whether they drive motorcycles or not.

WILLIAM PERRY,
VICTORIA, B.C.

Views

Wrong time to pillage budget

InTransit

Brian Gould



Budget crunch time at city hall means it's time to finally see if councillors are actually serious about giving transit the boost it deserves.

Unfortunately, there are already troubling signs that earlier pledges will pass transit riders up like the too-full buses resulting from under-funding.

First, the transportation department pointed out that not opening the next phase of the South LRT as soon (not "on time," since the project is late already)

would allow for some numbers to move around the city budget.

I hesitate to say "cost the city less," since the cost to citizens of not opening the line don't seem to show up anywhere.

Not to mention that after revising the \$5-million estimate to \$500,000, avoiding the continued shame alone is probably worth it to most people.

Then, the mayor released a plan to reduce the proposed tax increase.

Hidden among what might turn out to be questionable accounting is the suggestion that transit cough up another \$5 million without reducing service or staff.

While the idea sounds great in theory, I can't help but wonder why we couldn't have just done that last

year, or the year before.

The two price tags put together make roughly the cost of what was declared "inevitable" by council in January before they let it slip off the agenda: 24-hour transit.

I'm not suggesting the LRT be put off or the transit budget squeezed to do it, but if city hall can conjure up \$10 million in the transit budget with the flick of a magic pen, surely they can find the money for a desperately needed service.

I understand the worries about an economic downturn, but if there's one thing Edmontonians will need more of, it's effective and affordable public transportation.

With even more people riding the bus, service will need to improve dramati-

cally, and late-night service is a big deal for those considering whether they're going to be able to take a second minimum-wage job.

The transit-growth strategy, along with draft city and transportation plans, provide the mandate to start to turn Edmonton transit around — now is exactly the wrong time to pillage from its budget.

With other large demands unlikely to go away, the quality of transit will turn out to be the make-or-break item for the budgets that really matter: Those of lower-income Edmontonians.

Brian Gould is a transportation planner and has served in a variety of roles with the Transit Riders' Union of Edmonton. He is committed to being car-less and is a vocal critic of auto-centric planning.

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Italian-designed 'palace' to rise on Berlin site

Italian architect Francesco Stella has been chosen to design a new 552-million euro baroque-style palace with a modern interior, on the spot where Berlin's 15th-century Stadtschloss stood until it was destroyed in 1950 by East German communists. **REUTERS**

Asian art sales drop

Half the lots in Christie's auctions of Asian contemporary and Chinese 20th-century art went unsold yesterday, reflecting the bleak economic outlook and cooling Chinese art market. Major works, which usually attract highly competitive bidding, fell short of reserve prices. **REUTERS**

**Business****Microsoft-Yahoo deal is 'total fiction:' Exec**

Deal for Yahoo's search not ruled out

A report in the Sunday Times that Microsoft Corp. is in talks with Yahoo Inc. to buy the U.S. Internet company's online search business for \$20 billion US is "total fiction," according to a key executive cited by an influential U.S. blog.

The Sunday Times, which did not cite its sources, said the proposal under discussion involves a complex transaction that would see the U.S. software giant support a new management team to take control of Yahoo.

The team would be led by ex-AOL Chairman and CEO Jonathan Miller and former Fox interactive media president Ross Levinsohn, the report said.

But the AllThingsDigital blog, affiliated with the Wall Street Journal, quoted Levinsohn as saying the re-

"(Microsoft is) interested in doing a deal on search, and we should pursue that."

Carl Icahn

port was "total fiction." Top sources at Yahoo and Microsoft also scoffed at the report, the blog said.

Yahoo spokesman Brad Williams said: "We don't comment on rumours, and all this is a rumour."

A Microsoft spokeswoman declined to comment.

Microsoft withdrew its \$47.5-billion US buyout offer for Yahoo in May after Yahoo Chief Executive Jerry Yang and his board rejected the bid as too low.

Bid speculation was

sparked again earlier this month when Yang announced he was stepping down. Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer ruled a bid out at the time, but said he was "open" to talks on a deal for Yahoo's search business.

Activist investor Carl Icahn — who sits on Yahoo's board and increased his stake in the company to 5.4 per cent last week — reiterated he favoured the sale of the search business, according to an interview in the Dec. 1 edition of Barron's.

"Microsoft has said publicly that they are not interested in buying the whole company, and I believe them. But they are interested in doing a deal on search, and we should pursue that," Icahn was quoted by Barron's. **REUTERS**

China Exam fever

Applicants walk into a university to take part in the nationwide government-recruitment exam in Wuhan, Hubei province, yesterday. There are a record number of applicants taking the exam, with about 775,000 people writing it yesterday, Xinhua News Agency said.

Big Three should cut perks: UAW

AUTOS The Big Three U.S. automakers should tell Congress they will limit corporate pay, bonuses and severance packages in return for government loans, the president of the United Auto Workers union said yesterday.

UAW president Ron Gettelfinger told CNN carmakers only need a loan to tide them over a tough period and insisted high union wages were not the key cause of waning sales at GM, Ford and Chrysler.

Gettelfinger warned millions of jobs were at risk and said the auto industry globally was suffering from a sales downturn, not simply U.S. carmakers.

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BCE seeks fee from Teachers if no deal

TAKEOVER BCE Inc. is demanding that the Ontario Teachers' Pension Fund pay a \$1.2-billion termination fee if the buyout of the company fails to go through, as expected, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Citing people familiar with the situation, the Globe and Mail said BCE is pushing to get Teachers, the lead suitor in the \$34.8-billion buyout deal, to pay the huge fee should the tangled, two-year-old bid for the owner of Bell Canada fall apart before a Dec. 11 deadline.

The deal, the world's largest leveraged buyout, is on the brink of collapse after an opinion delivered by auditors that BCE would not

pass a solvency test after taking on \$32 billion more in debt as part of the financing. A positive opinion on solvency is required for the deal to be completed.

According to the agreement, Teachers must pay the fee, thought to be the largest of its kind, only if the pension fund's actions cause the deal to founder, the Globe reported. That would mean that BCE must prove the fund gave the auditors, KPMG, incomplete or false information, according to legal experts, the Globe said.

Teachers strongly denies any wrongdoing but may decide to negotiate a settlement with BCE, sources told the Globe. **REUTERS**

Retailers slam 'exorbitantly expensive' credit-card fees

RETAIL The Retail Council of Canada is calling on the government to intervene on "exorbitantly expensive" two per cent credit card fees imposed by companies like Visa or MasterCard.

Though this little expense is invisible, buried

in the overall price of the merchandise, retailers say it takes \$4.5 billion a year out of their pockets.

The card companies say they take none of the fee, which is split between the merchant and cardholder's banks. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Business in brief

AUTOS The Canadian and Ontario governments told the Big Three automakers Friday to submit restructuring plans by Dec. 5 if they want to receive taxpayer assistance from Canada.

OIL Saudi Arabia on Saturday cited \$75 a barrel as a "fair price" for oil, the first time in years that the world's biggest exporter has identified a target for crude prices.

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Two sides of the 'pond'

The Green Guide To David Suzuki's Nature Challenge notes European pedestrian cities have less than 10 per cent of their land devoted to transportation, while North American cities devote up to 50 per cent or more of urban land to roads and parking, according to Greeniology: How To Live Well, Be Green And Make A Difference by Tanya Ha.

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Leadership crucial in coming years

ScienceMatters

David Suzuki & Dr. Faisal Moola



It's an understatement to say that we are living in interesting times. The world seems to be undergoing a profound shift. On one hand, the looming environmental and economic crises are scaring many of us; on the other, events such as the election of the first African-American president in the U.S. are giv-

ing people hope.

We shouldn't let unrealistic expectations set us up for disappointment, but at least Barack Obama seems to have recognized that new ideas are needed to resolve the problems facing the world, and to seize the opportunities the crises present.

In a speech to the Governors' Climate Change Summit in Los Angeles on Nov. 18, the U.S. president-elect referred to climate change as the most serious threat facing America and the world, and said, "My presidency will mark a new chapter in America's leadership on climate change that will strengthen our security and create millions of new jobs

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in the process."

Although Obama's proposed targets don't go far enough to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, they are at least acknowledgment of the seriousness of the problem and represent a reversal of the Bush administration's attitude. His promise to implement a cap-and-trade system is a good step. Economists and scientists agree that putting a price on carbon emissions, through cap-and-trade and carbon taxes, is essential to combating catastrophic

global warming.

It's a shame the top two contenders for leadership of the Liberal Party in Canada have stepped away from the idea of a carbon tax, blaming it for the party's dismal showing in the October federal election. Our governing party hasn't demonstrated great leadership either. Along with the U.S., Canada has been a laggard among industrialized nations on climate policy and action, and now it looks like we could soon be the worst of the dinosaurs.

But Obama won't be sworn in until Jan. 20, and a lot is happening now. CEOs of the big three U.S. automakers — Ford, Chrysler, and General Motors — recently flew to Washington in private jets to ask for a \$25-billion US bailout from taxpayers. They've been told to come up with better plans, but those plans will be considered in early December, before Obama takes the reins. Keep in mind that current U.S. President George W. Bush overruled California's attempt to require stricter emissions standards for automobiles.

Should we have sympathy for free-market capitalists like GM vice-chair Bob Lutz, who claimed climate change

is a "crook of ..." and that hybrid cars such as those made by Toyota "make no economic sense," while his company continued to produce gas-guzzlers?

The U.S. and the world have a lot of catching up to do to forestall the catastrophic consequences of our outmoded economic thinking. Let's hope the new U.S. president is up to the challenge and that he helps set an example for all world leaders to follow.

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Feds to consult with provinces

Canada's environment minister said Friday the federal government would give the country's provinces a consultative role in any negotiations with the United States on a North American pact to cut greenhouse gas emissions.

Jim Prentice said Canada intended to pursue such talks with the incoming administration of U.S. president-elect Barack Obama on a national level.

Even so, he said, "There will be extensive consultation (with the provinces) before we ever sit down with the U.S. administration."

Prentice made his remarks to reporters after a climate change conference at Lake Louise, Alta.

Alberta, which is looking

Cap and trade

- Cap-and-trade systems allow emission credits to be traded on the free market by utilities, manufacturers and other industries that produce greenhouse gases.

to safeguard the interests of the carbon-intensive oil-sands industry and other big emitters, has asked to play a direct role in any negotiation on North American climate change.

Emissions of carbon-based greenhouse gases are widely viewed as a main cause of global warming.

Prentice declined to commit to offering any province a direct role.

The minister said he has

not yet broached the possibility of talks on a continental accord with anyone in the new U.S. administration, which takes power in January.

"These are early days. We have to wait and see who (Obama) appoints to key positions. Who will be head of the EPA? Who will be the secretary of energy?"

Prentice said Canada is also waiting for specifics on a cap-and-trade system proposed by the Obama administration before determining if it would work with planned Canadian regulation.

The Conservative government recently said it also wanted to introduce such a system.

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News in brief

TAXES Governments must do a better job of explaining environmental taxes or risk a public backlash, a study showed on Friday. Governments often fail to link green taxes to their goal of curbing energy use or helping a shift to renewable energies, according to Steffen Kallbekken, of the Center for International Climate and Environmental Research in Oslo.

ECONOMY The world must avoid a "cheap and dirty" fix for the economy that could undermine the fight against global warming, the UN's top climate official said yesterday. Yvo de Boer said the world risked a second financial crisis if governments reacted to economic slowdown by building cheap, high-polluting coal-fired power plants that might then have to be scrapped as climate impacts hit.

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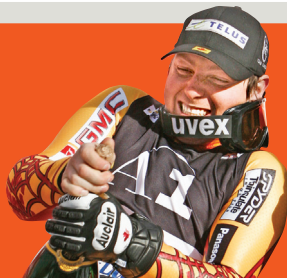
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The attorney for New York Giants receiver Plaxico Burress said yesterday he was advised that Burress will be charged with criminal possession of a weapon after accidentally shooting himself in the right thigh. Burress shot himself at a Manhattan club Friday night and was released from a hospital early Saturday. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Burress will be charged: Agent

Sports



Silver for Kucera in Super G

John Kucera of Canada celebrates his silver-medal performance yesterday following the men's Super-G World Cup alpine ski race in Lake Louise yesterday. Austria's Hermann Maier finished first.

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Modano's milestone dispatches Oilers

NHL RESULT

Oilers 3 Stars 4



THE SKINNY: Mike Modano made the 1,300th point of his NHL career — his 73rd in 62 career games against the Oilers — a memorable one, scoring the winning goal on a power play at 17:39 of the third period.

THE QUOTE: "It's been a great run and a lot of fun," said Modano, who has played 1,343 career games with the North Stars and Stars.

THE BIG PLAY: The Oilers had battled back to tie the

game 3-3 on Kyle Brodziak's second goal of the game when Modano took a pass from Brad Richards and snapped a shot high past Jeff Deslauriers.

CAN'T GET STARTED: After falling behind 2-0 against the Stars — just as they did against the Blues in St. Louis on Saturday — the Oilers have been outscored 23-11 in first periods this season.

THE BIG D-FEAT: Good, bad or indifferent, the Stars almost always find a way to beat the Oilers. The sad-sack Stars are 10-1-0 in the last 11 games between the teams, including a 4-0 sweep last season.

THE HOME AND HOME: A rematch with the Stars at Rexall Place on Wednesday.

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Mike Modano and Mark Parrish celebrate Modano's third period goal last night.

Oilers showed hustle for Mac-T

CapitalSports

Robin Brownlee



If the Edmonton Oilers had really quit on **Craig MacTavish**, if the players had tuned him out and wanted him fired, they had the perfect opportunity to push him one step closer to the door Saturday in St. Louis.

With all eyes on the under-achieving Oilers, the heat clearly on MacTavish after a lacklustre and frustrating 2-1 loss to the Los Angeles Kings and GM **Steve Tambellini** looking on in the

Show Me State, the Oilers fell behind the Blues 2-0, and looked awful doing it. Then and there, you could almost sense MacTavish teetering at the tipping point all coaches eventually arrive at — the moment when it becomes clear it isn't working any more, it's time to go, it's over. But, instead of laying down and taking a drubbing, the Oilers stormed back to score four consecutive goals in a 4-2 win. Fold? Not a chance. Quit? No way. They played their backsides off.

That's not a team that wants the coach fired.

"Gritty comeback," said MacTavish. "It's not the way that we drew it out at the start, but we battled back hard and paid a bigger price

than what we had in some of the previous games."

WHILE I'M AT IT

Eskimos' GM **Danny Maciocia** will do his due diligence in finding a head coach to take over from him on the sidelines, but Winnipeg defensive co-ordinator **Greg Marshall** is his first choice among short-listed candidates, and they've already talked ... don't be surprised to see receiver **Jason Tucker** return in a coaching or scouting capacity with the Esks in 2009 if the broken neck that ended his season prompts him to call it a career.

In a decade covering the Edmonton sports scene, Robin Brownlee has been the news-breaker and insightful voice for sports fans in Oil Country.



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Financial transparency urged at UBC

The University of British Columbia's finance department has been asked to be more transparent following the loss of \$38 million in university investments.

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Workology



\$10 Million for UVic

The University of Victoria officially opened its new climate-change research building. The \$67-million facility will be known as the Bob Wright Centre, Ocean, Earth and Atmospheric Sciences Building, named after sportfishing entrepreneur Bob Wright, who contributed \$10 million to it. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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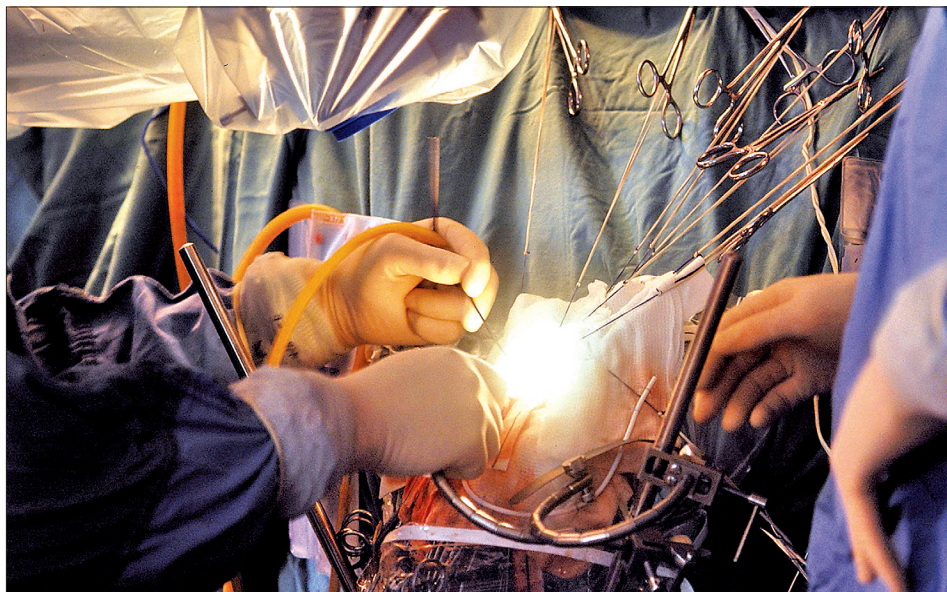


Pat Marston spends her workday behind the lens of her camera or at her computer, tweaking photographs using Photoshop. In that way, she's like many other professional photographers.

The big difference: Instead of posing brides or wide-angling landscapes, she points her lens at burns, surgeries and abuse scars.

As a medical photographer with the University of Alberta Hospital for the last 27 years, Marston, 57, uses her lens when anyone at the organization needs to preserve an image.

"They page us and we ask: 'When do you need us?'"



A look at what's involved in neurosurgery.

and they say: 'Now.'" She photographs wounds when the dressings are down for the patient's chart and to track how it's healing. She zooms in on the scars of child abuse and rape victims. She documents medical innovations and re-

search — this is a teaching hospital — often snapping shots in the middle of surgery. She clicks her shutter at new medical equipment for the hospital's records, and takes pictures of donors shaking hands with staff for the hospital's foundation.

Growing up in Saint John, N.B., Marston assumed she'd become a nurse until she got interested in art and photography in high school. She moved to Calgary after graduation and worked at the Holy Cross Hospital as a ward aid to

The Lowdown

Job title: Medical photographer

Education/training: A photography diploma or degree; specialized degree from the U.K. or Europe

Best part of the job: "Doing work that has a purpose."

Worst part of the job: "The sad things: Seeing the child abuse, the accidents that were probably preventable."

save money to study photography at the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology. One day, she saw a guy going around the emergency room with a camera.

"I thought to myself: Perfect," she recalls. She got her diploma and worked as a summer student at the University of Alberta Hospital for two years, doing medical photography.

After graduation, she set up a photography studio with her husband outside Edmonton and waited for a

job at the hospital to come up. It finally did a few years later, in 1981, and she's been there ever since, working as part of a two-person crew.

Most days she has a scheduled shoot or two, but has no idea in the morning what she'll be photographing that day. When her pager goes off, she dashes up to the ward in question because it's at the right point in the surgery or a burn victim has just come in. Some, like the gory gunshot wounds or the dying premature babies, are hard emotionally.

More often it's technically tough. "When you're shooting deep into a cavity, you have to get the right angle without touching anything. And you're standing on a stool and someone's hanging onto your shirt so you don't fall in."

Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

Fill in those resumé gaps: New poll

EMPLOYMENT Resumé gaps raise red flags for most employers, a new survey confirms: More than nine out of 10 (93 per cent) executives polled said they'd be concerned about a candidate's fit for a position if his or her resumé showed involuntary periods of unemployment.

"In the current economy, employers are aware that people could be out of work through no fault of their own, but resumé gaps can still pose a significant obstacle for job candidates," said Dave Willmer, executive director of OfficeTeam, which also developed the survey. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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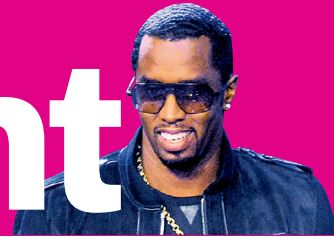
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Movie legend Sir Roger Moore's memoirs are set to be turned into a Hollywood biopic, with Johnny Depp reportedly slated to play the part of the James Bond actor. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Entertainment



R&B idol

Singers Aretha Franklin and Sean (Diddy) Combs are reportedly launching a new American Idol-style talent show to find R&B and hip-hop stars. **FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK**

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Box office

Following are the top 5 films at the North American box office for the three-day weekend beginning Nov. 28:

1 **Four Christmases:**
\$31.7 million US

2 **Bolt:** \$26.6 M

3 **Twilight:** \$26.4 M

4 **Quantum of Solace:**
\$19.5 M

5 **Australia:** \$14.8 M

6 **Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa:** \$14.5 M

7 **Transporter 3:** \$12.3 M

8 **Role Models:** \$5.3 M

9 **The Boy in the Striped Pajamas:** \$1.7 M

10 **Milk:** \$1.4 M **REUTERS**

Metro Global Photo Challenge

Canadian takes top prize worldwide



Editor-in-Chief of Metro English Canada, Dianne Rinehart presents Joel Charlebois the Nikon D700 for his winning Canadian photo entry, *Midnight Tram to Humber*, in the 2008 Metro Global Photo Challenge. One day later, he found out his photo beat out more than 50,000 entries from across the world to Metro newspapers in 20 countries, and won him a trip for two to Paris and \$2,000 CDN spending cash. Look for Joel's international interview in the next few days running in Metro newspapers around the world.

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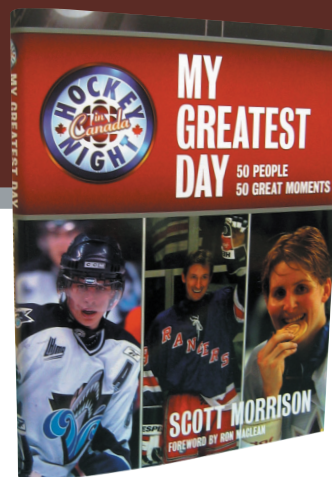
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Union developing new show

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Auto pains may drive TV pains

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HAVE YOU DRIVEN A FORD LATELY? NO, SERIOUSLY. The imminent implosion of the U.S. car industry apparently hinges on a \$25 billion US bailout they've requested from the government, and the way public opinion is blowing, giving it to them might go down in history with the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act and prohibition as the most unpopular piece of legislation ever.

(Don't you just love saying Smoot-Hawley? I know I do. I try to work it into conversations at least once a week.)

When they're not spending too much to make cars no one wants to buy, the big carmakers are also one of the biggest segments of the advertising market, paying for campaigns on primetime TV and in practically every

magazine on the newsstands.

Ford in particular has been a major sponsor of American Idol over seven seasons of the show, creating bespoke commercials for the show and branding itself all over the show's website.

I wasn't aware how much money the company had spent on their Idol partnership until I read an article last week in Broadcasting & Cable magazine on their dogged determination to maintain the relationship despite withering economic conditions.

Last year's Ford Idol campaign cost \$78 million, a substantial chunk of the \$328.5 million that's been spent by the company since they became the show's main sponsor.

This year's Idol

campaign was focused on the unveiling of the 2009 Ford Focus, a stolid and generally uninspiring bit of metal made to show that the company was serious about improving mileage and seriously competing with Japan, though most industry observers say that it's a bit late.

Ford, maintaining their traditional role, is still number two in the ad-buying hierarchy, spending \$982.1 million on TV advertising last year to GM's \$1.1 billion and Chrysler's \$750 million.

Despite their commitment to Idol, Ford will probably join the other automakers next year in cutting their budgets to make it look like they're serious people who can be trusted with \$25 billion of public money — stepping up the trimming of advertising buy-ins, as well as other economies like replacing the single malt and cham-

pagne on the corporate jet with Red Bull and juice packs.

If the government bailout doesn't happen, however, Idol could find itself losing a major sponsor mid-season, as viewers tune in to find that Idol moments are being brought to you by pizza pops, and that the car part of the winner's prize package has been replaced by a George Foreman Grill.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

GlobalStyle

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Ford has been a major American Idol sponsor for seven seasons.

MTV marks decade-long AIDS awareness campaign

TELEVISION MTV marks the 10th anniversary of its AIDS awareness campaign this year with an hour-long documentary by U.S.

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critics' corner

Corner Gas

Novice musician Brent isn't happy when his guitar teacher makes him realize he's not cool and probably never will be. Wanda starts writing a column for the Howler under an assumed name. Hank takes exercise advice from Karen and winds up competing with Emma in the new episode "Rock Stars." 9:32 PM on CFRN



Shrek the Halls

Shrek isn't a Christmas kind of guy, but Fiona loves the holiday, so he goes along — with a little help from Donkey and the rest of the fairy-tale gang. If this special doesn't join Rudolph, Frosty and the Grinch in the pantheon of holiday classics, something's wrong with the world. 9 PM on CFRN; KXLY

Chuck

It seems Chuck is still reeling from the revelation about Jill and is sent on a mission to take his mind off it. Meanwhile, Casey is shocked when he discovers that his sensei, Ty Bennett, is now one of the most wanted rogue agents. And Captain Awesome's parents, Honey and Woody, visit to help him and Ellie plan their wedding. 9 PM on CKEM. KHQ



Celebrity Buzz

Amy talking separation

RELATIONSHIPS Singer Amy Winehouse has reportedly met with lawyers to discuss a separation from husband Blake Fielder-Civil, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Winehouse, who is in hospital, asked her father Mitch to organize the meeting recently, after arguing on the phone with Fielder-Civil, who was recently released from prison.

"She is finally realizing that Blake is bad for her. Amy is now taking the first steps in becoming a single woman again," a source said.

Winehouse was taken to hospital just over a week ago after suffering a

seizure caused by the prescription medication she is taking, her spokesman said.

"Amy and Blake had a screaming (argument)," a friend said. "She was beside herself after the call, and she just lost it. She went out and didn't stop until she was on the floor on Sunday. If she carries on, one of these incidents will be her last."

It has been claimed Fielder-Civil, who is now in rehab, is making abusive calls to Winehouse even while she is being treated in hospital. Winehouse recently told friends her marriage is beyond repair, reportedly telling

one friend, "It's over. There's no way back for us now. It was never going to last. We were only together for sex."

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Paris-Benji split upsets Nicole

GOSSIP Paris Hilton's best friend Nicole Richie is so upset by the socialite's split from Benji Madden, she's preventing him from meeting any potential new girlfriends, imdb.com reports.

Hilton confirmed her breakup from the Good Charlotte rocker on Nov.

21, when she admitted the couple was "taking a break" after nine months together.

According to Madden's twin and bandmate Joel, who is also Richie's fiancé, Benji has been coping well with the split. But the same can't be said for Richie, who is reportedly doing her best to keep

her future brother-in-law single until he can be reunited with Hilton.

A source, who attended a recent launch party for Good Charlotte's new Greatest Remixes album, tells the New York Post's PageSix, "(Richie) has been really possessive and stops him from talking to other girls."

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Sienna back with Balthazar

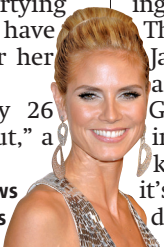
RELATIONSHIPS Actress Sienna Miller and actor Balthazar Getty are back together, femalefirst.co.uk reports. Miller, who said at an event earlier this month she was "single at the moment," was spotted

ted walking her dogs and laughing with Getty in London recently.

"We drove past them and they looked very together," an onlooker said. Miller's love of partying is believed to have been to blame for her split from Getty.

"Sienna is only 26 and loves to go out," a source said.

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Klum keeps teeth

CONFESSION German supermodel Heidi Klum has kept every tooth she has ever lost, imdb.com reports. "I carry around a little bag of my teeth," Klum said during a recent appearance on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno. "We don't have a tooth fairy (in Germany), so I put them in a little bag. I don't know if it's good luck, it's just a crazy thing that I do."

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Jovovich to wed Anderson

MARRIAGE Actress Milla Jovovich is preparing to walk down the aisle for the third time, with filmmaker Paul W.S. Anderson, imdb.com reports. The couple became engaged in 2003, but parted ways before reuniting and welcoming their first child last year. And now Jovovich is ready to make their union official, despite having two failed marriages to actor Shawn Andrews and director Luc Besson behind her. "I'd like to organize a private ceremony," she says. "I've done Las Vegas twice and I didn't want to jinx it by doing it again."

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Beckinsale to keep her clothes on

CAREER Kate Beckinsale has vowed to keep her clothes on in movies because she remembers how terrible she felt as a child when her mother bared all onscreen, imdb.com reports. Beckinsale has no plans to put her own daughter Lily through the humiliation she suffered at the hands of cruel school pals. She was taunted when her mom Judy Loe stripped for TV in Britain, when she was 10. "The mortification of going to school! People said, 'I've seen your mother naked,'" Beckinsale recalls. "I literally had to beat up nine of them."

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Ryder's borrowed diamonds missing

GOSSIP Actress Winona Ryder is at the centre of a new controversy after reportedly losing \$125,000 US worth of borrowed Bulgari diamonds loaned to her for an awards ceremony appearance in Spain, imdb.com reports.

Ryder had been given a diamond-encrusted bracelet and ring to wear to a Marie Claire magazine party in Madrid last week. She reported the items missing after allegedly handing them in to her hotel's front desk in an envelope to be kept in the venue's safe.

But according to

Voici magazine, the hotel bosses have not yet been able to locate surveillance footage to prove Ryder's claims — and Bulgari executives have now asked police to investigate.

A spokesperson for Ryder, who was arrested in 2001 for failing to pay for goods taken from Beverly Hills store Saks Fifth Avenue, has yet to respond to requests for comment. Bulgari representatives have refused to address the reports or confirm the disappearance of the jewels.

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Female models 'mean,' Osbourne says

OPINION Kelly Osbourne says female models are "jealous and mean," femalefirst.co.uk reports. The reality TV star claims almost all the working models she has met have been nasty and she can't stand to be around them.

"Most female models I've come across in my life are very

jealous and mean. God forbid you eat anything in front of them — they look like they want to kill you! They're just stupid," Osbourne reportedly said. Osbourne, who recently announced her engagement to model Luke Worrell, also revealed being in a relationship with him has clouded her opinion of the industry.

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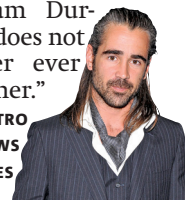
Actress alleges Farrell tried to bed her

GOSSIP Actor Colin Farrell has brushed off reports he attempted to bed a budding actress and U.S. Army reservist after meeting her at a New York club, imdb.com reports. Sam Durrani claims she shared a cab with Farrell to her apartment, but she reportedly refused to succumb to his charms.

"He's very nice, but was just being a typical guy looking for sex, so I told

him I wasn't interested," she tells the New York Post. However, a representative for Farrell has hit back, claiming that although Farrell was present at the club on the night in question, "He does not know Sam Durrani and does not remember ever meeting her."

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Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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Crossword across

- 1 Tear
- 4 Seashore
- 9 Encyc. book
- 12 Historic time
- 13 Bother
- 14 Commotion
- 15 Item in February's mail
- 17 High-arc shot
- 18 Chiang — -shek
- 19 Guarantee
- 21 Pre-Christmas period
- 24 Galilee village
- 25 Extinct bird
- 26 Carte lead-in
- 28 Black fur
- 31 Afflictions
- 33 Omelet need
- 35 Story line
- 36 Narrow apertures
- 38 Dadaist Jean
- 40 A billion years
- 41 Information
- 43 Largest state
- 45 St. George's foe
- 47 Automobile
- 48 See 16-Down
- 49 Odin's maidens
- 54 Work with
- 55 Banishment
- 56 Baseballer's hat
- 57 Third degree?
- 58 Cut
- 59 Greek H

Crossword down

- 1 Gun the engine
- 2 401(k) alternative
- 3 Crony
- 4 Chimp's snack
- 5 Designate
- 6 Singer DiFranco
- 7 Megaphone-shaped
- 8 Zoo howlers
- 9 Jewelry and such
- 10 Smell
- 11 Ear part
- 16 With 48-Across, supplement
- 20 Break suddenly
- 21 Writer Kingsley
- 22 Toy shop purchase
- 23 Ratified
- 27 — Khan
- 29 Glimpse
- 30 Sicilian volcano
- 32 Men only
- 34 Large black bird
- 37 Ranges
- 39 Game participant
- 42 Have — to grind
- 44 Timetable abbr.
- 45 Decorate
- 46 Hurry
- 50 Actress Ullmann
- 51 Hockey surface
- 52 Dine
- 53 Resort

PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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1	2	9	7	8	3	6	5	4

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:	17-21 min	Smart
Under 13 min	21-25 min	Not bad
13-17 min	25+ min	Keep practising

Metro Recipe of the Day



Fresh Trout with Walnut Dressing

- INGREDIENTS:**
- 2 tsp (10 mL) vegetable oil
 - 4 trout fillets, about 6oz (170 g) each
 - 1/4 tsp (1 mL) paprika
 - 10 walnut halves
 - 4 1/2 oz (125 g) arugula, watercress or mixed salad leaves
- DRESSING:**
- 2 scallions
 - A few sprigs of fresh dill or celery leaves
 - 2 tbsp (25 mL) spiced rice vinegar or sherry vinegar
 - 6 tbsp (90 mL) walnut oil
 - Salt and black pepper
- METHOD:**
- Preheat grill to high. For dressing, rinse, trim and finely chop scallions, and place in a small bowl. Rinse, dry and chop dill or celery leaves and add to bowl with vinegar, walnut oil, salt and pepper. Mix well and set aside.
 - Grease grill pan with half
- the vegetable oil and lay trout fillets on top, skin sides down. Season with salt and paprika. Grill fish for 5–8 minutes, on one side, until flesh is opaque in the centre and delicately brown at the edges.
3. While fillets are cooking, heat remaining vegetable oil in a small frying pan and gently fry walnuts, shaking and stirring constantly so that they colour but do not burn. Drain on paper towel, then chop roughly.
4. Rinse and dry salad leaves and arrange on four plates. Lay a fillet of trout on each. Stir dressing, spoon over the fish, and scatter walnuts on top. **SERVES 4**

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Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

- ARIES**
MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Walk away from a dangerous situation. A pest considers telling the truth. Prepare to experience a tremendous power surge.
- LIBRA**
SEPT 23-OCT 23

Someone's illness will upset your plans. A memory rises up and affects a relationship. Somebody you know will leave the scene too soon.
- TAURUS**
APRIL 21-MAY 21

A neglected partner could be seeking comfort elsewhere. A dream of a better relationship will come true. A dramatic friend screams for attention.
- SCORPIO**
OCT 24-NOV 22

An optimistic guy will give you some hope. Be prepared to travel in an instant. Ensure that a phone bill has been paid.
- GEMINI**
MAY 22-JUNE 21

Someone has an amusing request to make. Expect a slow-down on the way home. A spiritual experience results from lessons that are learned.
- SAGITTARIUS**
NOV 23-DEC 21

Someone's devotion is strong and true. Don't be astounded by outrageous rules. Be kind to strangers while in transit.
- CANCER**
JUNE 22-JULY 22

Expect a normally smug person to become nervous. A meeting leads to greater information sharing. Divine intervention fixes a situation.
- CAPRICORN**
DEC 22-JAN 20

A friend has a temper tantrum. A career benefit isn't as certain as it should be. Don't break the spell that's cast by someone you love.
- LEO**
JULY 23-AUG 23

Visit the person you love the most. Be patient with a reluctant lover. Stand on your own two feet and be responsible.
- AQUARIUS**
JAN 21-FEB 18

A demanding deceiver will make concessions. Being assertive has a big pay off. It's easy to fall in love with the star of the show.
- VIRGO**
AUG 24-SEPT 22

Don't take anything for granted. Hold on tight to your magnificent dreams. You may be happier in a different setting.
- PISCES**
FEB 19-MARCH 20

A sentimental guy makes an impossible promise, and then breaks it. Look out the window to see a surprising event. Pay attention to a casual offer.

This day in history

- DEC. 1, 1864: In his state of the union address, U.S. President Abraham Lincoln reaffirms the necessity of ending slavery as ordered 10 weeks earlier in the Emancipation Proclamation.
- DEC. 1, 1918: The Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes (later known as the Kingdom of Yugoslavia) is proclaimed.
- DEC. 1, 1955: In Montgomery, Ala., seamstress Rosa Parks refuses to give her bus seat to a white man and is arrested for violating the city's racial segregation laws, an incident which leads to the Montgomery Bus Boycott.
- DEC. 1, 1981: The AIDS virus is officially recognized.

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